By:  Lopez of Cameron, et al. H.B. No. 4742

     (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023; May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Perry           X

Hancock         X

Blanco          X

Flores          X

Gutierrez                 X

Johnson         X

Kolkhorst       X

Sparks          X

Springer        X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of issues faced by communities with artificial drainage systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  In this Act, "artificial drainage system" means a system to remove floodwater in a community that lacks topographic relief, slope, and naturally defined floodways.

SECTION 2.  The Texas Water Development Board, before January 1, 2025, may:

(1)  study issues faced by communities with artificial drainage systems; and

(2)  prepare a written report that contains possible recommendations relating to addressing identified issues facing those communities.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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